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**USDA Seeks Comment on Environmental Assessment for Biological Control Agent
for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid**

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is making available to the public an environmental assessment relative to the control of hemlock woolly adelgid (*Adelges tsugae*). The environmental assessment considers the effects of, and alternatives to, the release of an insect, *Laricobius osakensis*, into the continental United States for use as a biological control agent to reduce the severity of hemlock woolly adelgid infestations. APHIS is making the environmental assessment available to the public for review and comment.

This action is published in today's May 20 *Federal Register*.

Consideration will be given to comments received on or before June 21. You may submit comment by either of the following methods.

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2010-0029> to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.
- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send one copy of your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2010-0029, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2010-0029.

Comments are posted on the Regulations.gov Web site and may also be reviewed at USDA, Room 1141, South Building, 14th St. and Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. To facilitate entry into the comment reading room, please call (202) 690-2817.

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